

PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE

Budget Detail: Targeted Spending to Restore and Protect Puget Sound

Oil transfer inspection (SB 6641)	\$859,000
Senate Bill 6641, passed in 2004, requires companies to place containment booms around vessels and have spill prevention measures in place when delivering fuel and other petroleum products to vessels in Puget Sound, except in the case of highly flammable products as determined by the Department of Ecology (Ecology). To implement this legislation, Ecology needs funding for a state oil transfer inspection program.	Oil Spill Prevention Account
Hazardous material spill response	\$301,000
Adds funding for additional spill responders for pipeline, oil refining and transportation-related spills. There has been a 30-percent increase in the number of hazardous materials spills over the past three years, including an increase of more than 300 reports a year in the state's northwest counties.	State Toxics Control Account
Equipment caching for early spill response	\$725,000
Spill response equipment (booms, absorbent material, etc.) will be strategically placed at 40 critical locations around Puget Sound where in many cases equipment is hours away in the event of a spill.	Local Toxics Control Account
Cleanup state-owned aquatic lands	\$5,785,000
This program, led by Ecology and coordinated with the Department of Natural Resources, will target contaminated aquatic sites where early cleanup and source control actions will allow for restoration of state resources, including geoduck, other shellfish and/or habitat features. Work will be concentrated on aquatic lands near Sequim, Anacortes, Port Angeles, Shelton and the Kitsap Peninsula.	State Toxics Control Account
Increase the rate of cleanup at contaminated sites near Puget Sound	\$5,000,000
Ecology will accelerate the cleanup of high-priority contaminated sites that lie adjacent to and are within a half-mile of Puget Sound. This action will include a combination of strategies that utilize the Voluntary Cleanup Program, existing formal administrative oversight capabilities, and contracted cleanups for orphan and abandoned sites that pose a threat to Puget Sound.	State Toxics Control Account
Reduce toxics in businesses (technical assistance)	\$458,000
Funding for four additional staff to increase Ecology's technical assistance, incentives and funding to help Puget Sound industrial and commercial facilities eliminate or reduce the production of wastes that contain toxic contaminants and make other water and energy saving improvements.	State Toxics Control Account
Nearshore ecosystem restoration	\$750,000
Enhanced funding for the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership (PSNP), a partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state and federal agencies, Indian tribes, industries and environmental organizations. PSNP targets some of the foremost habitat restoration needs in Puget Sound, specifically to identify significant ecosystem problems, evaluate potential solutions, and restore and preserve critical nearshore habitat.	General Fund

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Clean up creosote logs

Removal of derelict structures, particularly creosote pilings and logs, will be undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources. A total of 3,300 tons of log will be removed annually from Puget Sound beaches and shorelines.

\$2,000,000

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Helping homeowners save the Sound (septic systems)

Establishes a new pilot program to provide low- and no-interest loans and grants to homeowners and landowners to repair and replace septic systems.

\$6,500,000

Control
Revolving
Account

Restore estuaries and salmon habitat

Targets \$2.5 million in high-priority estuary and salmon restoration projects in Puget Sound.

\$2,500,000

State Building
Construction
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Local innovative stormwater project grants

Grants to local governments for innovative stormwater projects (natural drainage systems, green roofs, permeable pavement, rain gardens) to reduce stormwater impacts in Puget Sound.

\$2,500,000

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Remedial action grants (Bellingham Bay)

Adds additional funds for the cleanup of 11 contaminated properties in Bellingham Bay or near the shore, including the 137-acre Georgia-Pacific Mill property.

\$7,500,000

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Remedial action grants (Port of Tacoma)

Cap contaminated sediments under Pier 25 as part of the Mouth of Hylebos Cleanup Project within the Environmental Protection Agency's overall Commencement Bay cleanup.

\$3,400,000

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Hood Canal and Puget Sound wastewater projects at state parks

- Replace leaking wastewater collection and treatment system at **Twanoh State Park** to meet Department of Health (DOH) and county standards.
- Replace 30-year-old wastewater system at **Dosewallips State Park** to meet DOH and county standards.
- Install new parkwide wastewater system at **Fort Casey State Park**, where the current system has been repeatedly failing.
- Install new parkwide wastewater system at **Fort Ebey State Park**, whose current system is undersized for current park use and is failing.
- Replace 30-year-old sewer lift station at **Birch Bay State Park** that is operating inconsistently and is within feet of salmon-spawning areas in Puget Sound and Terral Creek.
- Connect **Sequim Bay Park** to the City of Sequim sewage treatment system. Currently, the park's outdated lagoon wastewater collection and treatment system discharges to an above-ground spray field.

\$4,000,000

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Total

\$42,278,000